

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

A/B, 5, 253/1

1. At approximately 3:45 PM, the writer was called by [redacted] who stated that [redacted] requested the writer to get in touch with [redacted] relative some special problem in connection with [redacted]. The writer immediately called [redacted] and requested that he be allowed to talk to [redacted] at once. The writer then went to [redacted] office. [redacted] showed the writer the paper (self-explanatory) which is attached. [redacted] seemed particularly concerned for two reasons—the first was that CIA should be mentioned in connection with sodium cyanide and [redacted] acid and, secondly, that he himself had no knowledge of [redacted]. [redacted] explained that the letter had been received in the [redacted] and turned over to [redacted] [redacted], realizing that CIA interest might be involved, and the letter had been carried by [redacted] [redacted] is ostensibly attached to the [redacted] but is, in fact, a CIA employee and is now working in CIA.

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2. [redacted] is in charge of medical intelligence. [redacted] explained to the writer that primary concern was the fact that [redacted] wished to reply to [redacted] concerning the questions set out in the attached letter for the [redacted].

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3. After the writer examined the letter and noted on the fact he knew that Contact 00 was interested in information in this general field and also that Contact 01 had been asked by [redacted] to keep this field covered, the writer called [redacted] Executive Officer, and asked him if he [redacted] knew or could identify [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] was one of their people. The writer asked [redacted] to say nothing about the matter and was only asking for information purposes. The writer gave [redacted] no other information.

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4. After having obtained this information and explaining the situation to [redacted] [redacted] then stated that he would like to have the writer talk with [redacted] in one of the adjoining rooms and [redacted] [redacted] of the course of action that could be [redacted] [redacted] of his office. Thereafter, [redacted] and the writer talked to [redacted] and the writer pointed out to [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] that a possible security problem existed and that it would be best if [redacted] could be called on the telephone and asked if he would not do anything in the matter or regarding replying to the letter until Monday. [redacted] call [redacted] and [redacted] agreed to do nothing about it until further advised. The writer then obtained a copy of the letter from [redacted] and stated he would immediately take the matter up through security channels and would obtain instructions as soon as possible.

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5. The writer thanked [redacted] on behalf of Security for his caution in handling the matter and informed him that he would be given whatever answers were necessary either tomorrow (Friday) or next day, than Monday so that the matter could be squared up with [redacted].

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6. For the record, the writer made no commitments in this connection [redacted] merely told [redacted] that a possible security question may exist and whereas he did know of our interest in the matter through the [redacted] program, he, nevertheless, was concerned with keeping down all matters of

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agent interest in this problem.